

THE SELF-MADE SOLDIER GEAR LIST

The following is a comprehensive gear list for any guerrilla, insurgent, citizen-soldier, survivalist, or paramilitary. I do not endorse terrorism.

Individual

- Firearm
 - **The most important piece of gear on this list.**
 - Firearms can, and should include: assault rifles, battle rifles, shotguns, handguns, and long-range precision rifles.
 - Each person in the unit should have at least one Firearm.
 - Firearms do not have to be expensive, but should be of high quality. Sporting shotguns are affordable, easy to use, but very effective, especially in close quarters.
 - **Do not illegally purchase or modify your weapons, unless you are imminently prepared to use them.**
- Boots
 - Boots should fit snugly, but not too snugly, be durable, and lightweight.
 - Work boots, surplus combat boots, and hiking boots/shoes are all good options.
 - Sole inserts are optional, but are nice.
 - I recommend Bates or Danners boots. Both brands are made for the military and police, and are very comfortable, as well as durable.

- Clothes

- Clothes should be durable, fit comfortably, but on the loose side, and be practical in several environments (forests, deserts, farmland, mountains, cities, etc.)
- Colors should either be camouflage, or Earth tones, (think World War I or II uniforms)
- You should be able to wear your clothes amongst regular civilians, and be able to blend in seamlessly
- You should have clothes for a range of climates, and weather conditions, i.e. thermals, jackets, and hats.
- I recommend work clothes, such as Carhartt, Dickies, Duluth Trading Company, etc, or military surplus.
- Socks should be sturdy, but breathable, and you should have several pairs of them.
- I recommend Fox River socks, both the boot socks and white socks.

- Face Mask

- Gaiters, shemagh, balaclavas, scarves, etc.
- Most face masks have several uses, aside from concealing identity and protecting the face from exposure

- Body Combat Gear

- Cheat rigs, battle belts, plate carriers, and tactical vests
- Armor is optional, however, it is expensive and heavy, and will cut down on your mobility.
- Condor tactical makes affordable gear that is good quality.

- Knife and Multitool
 - Knives should be high quality, and well maintained. Multi-tools should be able to provide many different functions.
 - Ka-bars and surplus bayonets are high quality multi-use knives.
 - Gerber multi tools and Victorinox Swiss Army knives are quality and useful.
- Tent
 - Tents should be useful for many different environments and weather conditions
 - Use one or two man tents.
 - Backpacking and mountaineering tents are lightweight and compactable, and are designed to be carried over long distances on foot.
- Rope
- Tarp
- Sleeping bag
 - Sleeping bags should be lightweight and useful for several weather conditions.
 - Can be supplemented with blankets and bivy sacks.
- Magazines
 - If applicable to your weapon, you should have at least four standard magazines, (30 rounds for most assault and battle rifles, variable for pistols and marksman rifles)
 - Magazines with limiters can be converted into standard capacity magazines.
- Ammunition
 - You should have at least as much ammunition to fill all of your magazines.

- Ground pad
- Cooking and Eating Utensils
 - Survival and backpacking stoves can heat food and water at a minimum of weight. Be sure to also purchase extra fuel for them.
 - Metal bowls, canteen cups, and metal thermoses can all be used to cook and heat water in conjunction with a fire or stove.
 - You should at least have a spoon you can use, then wash and reuse. Backpacking sporks or military surplus utensils work well.
- Packs
 - You should have one pack for daytime (or nighttime) and short-term overnight activities, and one pack for long-term activities.
 - Packs can be military or civilian style, and can be purchased from camping stores and/military surplus stores.
- Firearm Sling
- Water Source
 - Camelback or other hydration packs, canteens, and water bottles are all acceptable.
 - At least one is essential, more than one is highly recommended.
 - Also consider purchasing a water filter, water purification tablets, and cleaning supplies for your water sources.
- Firearm Cleaning Supplies
 - Most firearms have cleaning kits appropriate to their specific model or design.

- Q-tips, rags, baby wipes, and CLP or other gun oil are highly recommended supplementary purchases.
- Fire Starter
 - Lighters, matches, flint-and-steel, and striking rods all work excellently.
 - Tinder, and perhaps even dry kindling, are also essential.
 - I highly recommend buying multiple types of fire starters, in case one fails.
 - Refillable lighters will also require extra fuel.
- Light Source
 - Flashlights and headlamps are good options.
 - Get them with multiple light color options, i.e. red, green, blue light, as it is useful tactically.
 - Purchase spare batteries or a portable charger.
- Compass
- Note Taking Gear
 - You will need writing utensils and paper.
 - Rite In The Rain makes excellent field-proof notebooks, pens, and pencils.
- Pistol Belt/Holster
 - Make sure you purchase the right hand orientation
- Hatchet
- Binoculars
- Camouflage
 - This includes face paint, smocks, and other objects to help camouflage yourself.

- Personal Hygiene Supplies
 - Your standard toiletries and bathroom supplies.
 - Baby wipes are essential, both for going to the bathroom, and for cleaning yourself.
- Entrenching tool
 - A standard camping foldable shovel or military surplus e-tool suffices.
 - In addition to use for digging, it will also be used as a weapon for hand-to-hand combat if necessary.
- Binoculars
- Camping Chair
 - Not entirely necessary, but a compact camp chair is very nice to have.
- Ear and Eye Protection
 - Minimizes damage on your ears and eyes, combat zones are loud and will have lots of shrapnel.
 - Sunglasses and foam earplugs suffice.
- Pouches
 - Magazine, shotgun shell, maps, and many other MOLLE or similar attachment process pouches can be added onto any body combat gear that takes it.
- Garbage Bags
 - Garbage bags have a variety of uses, including as impromptu shelters, ground pads, water collection, etc.
- Blade Sharpening Kit

- Whetstones and other tools are used to keep your bladed tools sharp.
- **First-Aid Kit**
 - Individual First Aid Kits (IFAK) are used by the military and police to treat wounds, from minor to life threatening. Get an IFAK that can attach to your body combat gear or pack.
 - Pre-made first aid kits from pharmacies are also quite useful, and are relatively inexpensive.
- **Short-Range Communications**
 - Commercial radios and walkie-talkies provide inexpensive and easy-to-use close range communication.
- **Rations**
 - At least one days worth of non-perishable food should be kept on individuals at all times.
 - Includes military rations, freeze dried backpacking food, protein bars, crackers, beef jerky, etc.
 - Focus on high calorie foods that can sustain heavy physical exertion and high mental stress.

Personalization and individual creativity is important and should be encouraged. Buttons, patches, flags, stickers, pins, etc. help to maintain morale among troops.

Small Unit (2-30 Troops)

- **Vehicles**

- Vehicles should be multifunctional, able to operate in urban, rural, and wild environments.
- Vehicles should be durable, well-maintained, and able to fit both soldiers and gear.
- Trailers are optional, but can prove useful.
- I also recommend getting highly mobile small vehicles, such as ATVs, MX bikes, and bicycles, for specialized purposes.
- **Cooking Supplies**
 - This includes camping stoves, pots, pans, spatulas, spoons, and any other utensils needed to cook food for a whole unit.
 - Food and water itself also need to be considered, as well as a way of preserving personable food, if it is required.
 - Cleaning supplies, such as those needed to wash dishes, is also necessary.
- **Tarps and Large Tents**
 - Tarps and large tents (3 man and up) can be used for a variety of purposes, including as a command center, to house gear and equipment, as hospitals, etc.
- **Woodcraft Tools**
 - This includes axes, saws, hatchets, and any other tool necessary to manipulate wood.
 - This will be useful for a number of ends, such as firewood, shelters, and makeshift chairs and tables.
- **Rope**
- **Portable Tables**

- Generator
 - Optional
- Fuel
 - For vehicles, generators, stoves, lanterns etc.
- Lights
 - This includes camping lanterns, candles, electric lights, etc.
- Batteries
 - A reserve pool for whatever battery-operated machines soldiers have
- Ammunition
 - A reserve pool for whatever firearms the unit operates and ammunition for heavy weapons
- Heavy Weapons
 - Including mortars, machine guns, rocket launchers (anti-vehicle and anti-personnel), and explosives (regular and improvised)
 - **Do not purchase or modify any weapons illegally unless you are prepared to use them**
- Camouflage
 - Camouflage for larger surface areas.
 - Includes camouflage netting, tarps, paint, etc.
- Informative Material
 - Anything necessary to sustain combat operations.

- Includes guides on the local environment, tactics, improvised weapons, medicine and first-aid, wood and camp craft, equipment, propaganda and other ideological materials, miscellaneous instructional manuals, etc.
- Entertainment
 - Anything needed to assuage boredom and relax troops
 - Includes reading material, playing cards, board and lawn games, sports equipment, music, movies, video games, etc.
- First-Aid Supplies
 - Should include a reserve pool for troops and supplies to treat wounds more thoroughly.
- Long-Range Communication Equipment
 - Includes long-range radios, equipment for couriers, etc.

Again, unit personalization is important to maintain morale and instill camaraderie. Flags posters, banners, games, etc. all help to accomplish this.

Large Unit (30+ Troops)

It is more than likely that any sort of unit of this size or capability wouldn't be formed until a conflict had been unfolding for some time. That being said, it does one well to keep all possibilities in mind.

- Vehicles

- Commercial trucks used for shipping can be used to transport troops and equipment, contain and transport prisoners and captured enemy personnel, as ambulances, as mobile command centers, and many other tasks.
- Armored Vehicles
 - Includes tanks, LAVs, amphibious vehicles, etc.
 - Commercial vehicles can be modified to become lightly armored, able to become more resilient and combat-effective.
 - Armored vehicles can also be acquired from the enemy, either post-combat or stolen from bases and outposts.
- Aircraft
 - Includes planes, jets, and helicopters
 - Commercial planes can be used for reconnaissance, troop and equipment transport, or, with some modification, light combat.
 - Commercial helicopters can be used for troop and equipment transport, reconnaissance, light combat, and Medevacs, Casevacs, and other close troop support.
 - Aircraft can also be acquired from the enemy.
- Heavy Weapons
 - Includes artillery, anti-aircraft guns, etc.
- Command Center Supplies
 - Includes large tents, tarps, tables, white boards, maps, computers, printers, communication equipment, networking equipment, and anything else needed to command units.

- Propaganda Center Supplies

- Similar to command center, but includes additional design, printing, and distribution capabilities, in order to successfully create and spread propaganda.

Anything that is needed or suggested for use in small units would be used in the large units, but on a bigger scale. Additionally, as any insurgent/guerrilla group grows in size, capability, and organization, specialized and non-combat units can be formed, requiring special equipment that would be illogical or impossible for a smaller, less capable and organized group to acquire.

This is in no way a totally exhaustive list of everything the individual/group combatant will or may need. However, the equipment listed above will allow you to live and fight in virtually any environment around the world. Do your own research, and make your own decisions into how much, and what type of gear you and your unit will need to maintain effectiveness in a combat zone. Godspeed, and Hail Victory!

Resources

- Tactical Gear and Clothes

- <https://tacticalgear.com>
- <https://www.uspatriottactical.com/us-military/military-uniform-builder/>
- <https://www.carhartt.com>
- <https://www.duluthtrading.com>
- <https://www.dickies.com/home>
- <https://www.batesfootwear.com/US/en/home>
- <https://www.danner.com>

- <https://www.military1st.com/colors/tiger-stripe>
- <https://tightroperecords.com/catalog/>
- <https://colemans.com>
- <https://www.cryeprecision.com>

- Camping Supplies

- <https://www.rei.com>
- <https://www.ems.com>
- <https://www.dickssportinggoods.com>
- <https://www.sierra.com>
- <https://www.basspro.com/shop/en>
- <https://www.cabelas.com/shop/en>

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